

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## **DES Recognizes Dick's Truck Sales for Environmental Achievement**

Concord, NH – Today the Department of Environmental Services (DES) recognized Dick's Truck Sales for becoming a Certified N.H. Green Yards, a distinction reserved for auto salvage yards that use exemplary environmental work practices. The process for becoming a "Certified N.H. Green Yard" is part of a pilot program developed by DES, working with the N.H. Auto & Truck Recyclers Association (NHATRA), to improve environmental performance at auto salvage yards and provide incentive for going beyond compliance.

DES presented Richard Harris of Dick's Truck Sales in Whitefield a certificate and Certified N.H. Green Yard flag for display at their business locations.

"Automobile salvage yards serve a critical role in recycling of our cars and trucks. We depend on these businesses to use best management practices to run environmentally responsible facilities," said DES Commissioner Tom Burack. "Gone are the days of rolling the car out by the river bank to rust. Today we rely upon on auto recyclers to properly recover many hazardous materials and components such as gasoline, oil, antifreeze, mercury switches and lead acid batteries, to keep them from contaminating the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the land we live on."

The N.H. Green Yards Program have been working with over 150 auto salvage yards throughout the state to improve environmental practices and to bring them into compliance with exiting state and federal environmental requirements. According to NHATRA President Jeff Kantor, New Hampshire's auto salvage yards recycle over 50,000 end-of-life vehicles yearly. "That's enough cars to fill both lanes of Interstate 93 from Concord to Littleton," Kantor explained. "Our association is working hard to change the negative view many people have of the auto salvage industry. For example, many people don't realize that auto recyclers typically recover and recycle, by weight, 85 percent of the material content of a motor vehicle, making automobiles the number one consumer product being recycled today. Now, when you see a Certified N.H. Green Yard flag at a salvage yard, you will know the owner is helping to take care of New Hampshire's environment."

### **Certified N.H. Green Yards**

Bob's Heavy Equipment, Brentwood  
Bow Auto Parts, Bow  
Brandy Brow Auto Parts, Inc., Plaistow  
Car World, Inc., Candia  
Central N.H. Sales, Inc., Concord  
Colony Used Auto Parts, Rochester  
Dave's Automotive Enterprises, Marlborough  
Dick's Truck Sales, Whitefield  
General Auto Salvage Co., Inc., Claremont  
Hebert Towing, Inc. Goffstown  
Hopi Corporation, Belmont  
Jack Mansur's Auto, Pelham  
Jean-Guy's Used Parts, Pelham  
John's Truck & Auto Salvage, Kingston  
Ken's Auto Sales & Salvage, Kingston  
Maurice Auto & Truck Parts, Claremont  
P&L Auto Parts, Inc. Berlin  
Roy Richardson's Auto Salvage, Pittsfield  
Tiny's Garage, Hudson  
Webster Town Auto Recycling, Webster

For more information and to find out about the N.H. Green Yards Program, contact Pamela H. Sprague, N.H. Green Yard Program coordinator, at (603) 271-2938 or [psprague@des.state.nh.us](mailto:psprague@des.state.nh.us), and visit the DES website <http://des.nh.gov/SW/GreenYards>.

Photos are available upon request.

**The NH Green Yards Program points of interest:**

- Approximately 500,000 vehicles in New Hampshire are over nine years old and will soon be recycled. (The average age of a vehicle in a salvage yard is seven to 10 years.)
- Cars are the #1 recycled product in the United States.
- Approximately 10 million vehicles are recycled annually in the North America.
- At least 95 percent of all cars scrapped in the U.S. are collected for reuse and recycling.
- The modern automobile contains many other toxic and hazardous components that we depend on the auto recycler to remove and properly recycle or dispose of. These materials include:
  - Lead acid batteries
  - Freon, gasoline/fuel
  - Motor oil and other oil, including brake fluid, transmission fluid, etc.
  - Anti-freeze
  - Lead parts, such as wheel weights and battery cable ends
  - Air bag cartridges containing the chemical sodium azide (explosive/acutely toxic)
  - Mercury-containing parts, such as hood and trunk light switches, ABS brake systems, HID headlamps, and backlighting for navigational/entertainment systems.

**Note: High Resolution Photos of Dick's Truck Sales with the Green Yards Banner are available for publication.**

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